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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (FORD, GERALD R.)

SUBJ: PRESS CONTINGENT AT VLADIVOSTOK

REF: STATE 250350

1. AMBASSADOR MET WITH FIRST DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER
KUZNETSOV TODAY TO PRESENT POINTS OUTLINED IN PARA 4 REFTEL.

2. KUZNETSOV PROMISED TO RECONSIDER MATTER OF NUMBER OF
CORRESPONDENTS WHO CAN BE ACCOMMODATED FOR VLADIVOSTOK
MEETING. HE SAID THAT THE REAL PROBLEM IS THE LIMITED
NUMBER OF ACCOMMODATIONS AVAILABLE AND THAT HE WISHED TO
STRESS THAT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT IS DOING ITS BEST TO
MEET U.S. REQUESTS. KUZNETSOV EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN OVER
PRESS REACTION IF CORRESPONDENTS FOUND ACCOMMODATION
SUBSTANDARD, BUT AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED THAT JOURNALISTS
WOULD PROBABLY UNDERSTAND AND, FOR EXAMPLE, BE WILLING TO
DOUBLE UP IN ROOMS, IF SITUATION EXPLAINED TO THEM IN
ADVANCE.

3. DURING CONVERSATION, KUZNETSOV REMARKED THAT THERE
WOULD BE NO ROOM FOR FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS STATIONED
IN MOSCOW. HE SAID THAT ONLY 20-25 SOVIET CORRESPONDENTS
WOULD GO FROM MOSCOW.

4. WE HAVE NOT GIVEN MFA LIST OF CORRESPONDENTS CONVEYED
IN STATE 250991 PENDING REPLY TO AMBASSADOR'S DEMARCHE
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